

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to have their stations air an anti-Kerry documentary, "Stolen Honor," days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and jeopardize our election laws as well as equal representation by both parties by any media outlet serving the public.

In other words, Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves as in this case, fewer democratic principles are being exercised. Thoughtful, balanced analysis of the candidates and what they have to offer is "out the door." To allow Sinclair to do what they plan to do nationwide is the beginning of the slide toward tyranny and repressive control of balanced discussion, critical thought and dissent. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to represent equal time for all candidates running for this very crucial presidential election. If the FCC fails to act on this absolutely critical issue, then what is the American public to sumise..that we have gone the way of state-controlled media as Putin is forcing Russia to do once again. If so, shame, shame on you, FCC CEOs. Americans are starving for integrity and decency in the media. You can act and demand "going upriver" be shown back to back with "Stolen Honor."

Thank you. Harriet Hornblower